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WASHINGTON, May 29, 1984 -- Orders for new freight cars in April totaled 672, compared with 1,213 in March and 615 in April 1983, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cumulative orders for the first four months of 1984 totaled 6,144, compared with 1,622 for the same period a year ago.

Cars placed in service in April totaled 722, compared with 894 in March and 205 in April 1983. Deliveries in the first four months of the year came to 2,372, compared with 1,590 a year earlier.

The backlog of cars on order but undelivered as of May 1 was 6,742, compared with 6,928 on April 1, and 4,326 on May 1, 1983. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 6,466, compared with 4,174 a year ago.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 39 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in April, compared with 28 in March and 28 in April of last year.

Through the first four months of the year, 115 locomotives have been placed in service, compared with 90 the year before.

As of May 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 249, compared with 93 on April 1, and 127 on May 1, 1983.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on May 1 totaled 25,264, compared with 25,504 on April 1 and 26,469 on May 1, 1983.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED
AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS
ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	April 1		March	Four Months	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
Built New by Car Builders	722 [1]	205	894	2,372	1,390
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	200
Built New - Total	722	205	894	2,372	1,590
Rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	722	205	894	2,372	1,590
Locomotives	39	28	28	115	90

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	672 [1]	614	1,213	6,144	1,619
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	1	0	0	3
To be built New - Total	672	615	1,213	6,144	1,622
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ORDERED	672	615	1,213	6,144	1,622

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	May 1		April 1	Average	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
To be built New by Car Builders	6,742 [2]	4,323	6,928	6,466	4,108
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	3	0	0	66
To be built New - Total	6,742	4,326	6,928	6,466	4,174
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	6,742	4,326	6,928	6,466	4,174
Locomotives	249	127	93	127	77

[1] Monthly tank car orders and deliveries not included until further notice
[2] Due to revisions and cancellations the May 1, 1984 backlog has been reduced by 136 cars.

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